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RELIGIOUS NOTES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REV. KEIGWIN STATED SUPPLY

Services first and third Sunday, Prayer Meeting Wednesday night, regular services. Sun-School 10 a. m.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the service of the next Sunday morning. Every member of the church is cordially invited to the Lord's table.

After so long a time and so many encouragements, the tower and steeple of the church is complete. It is pronounced beautiful by all who have seen it. Many thanks are due to Mr. Bushnell, the architect and builder, for the gratuitous service he has so cheerfully given to the Presbyterian building an addition to the city. The contract was taken by J. T. Brown who has done the work in a style that should be an advertisement of skill as a builder.

The Ladies Aid society have undertaken the painting and the materials have been ordered. The church is to be gray with trimmings of white, and it is expected that the work will be done in the near future.

The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition. Gold and silver medals were awarded last Sunday for excellent attendance.

The Church has never been dedicated, and now arrangements are being made to have the dedication service the first Sunday in July. Mr. Winnard of the Tampa Prebsterian church has been invited to preach the dedication sermon.

The second Sunday in June is observed throughout the Presbyterian Church as "Children's Day." Hence the next appointment in Arcadia will be devoted to the children. The collection will be made to defray the expenses of the day school missionaries in the organization of schools in destitute portions of the country.

The General Assembly of the Northern Presbyterian Church, held at Des Moines, Iowa, has just closed a memorable session.

Over seven hundred ministers and elders were in attendance and over three hundred others, representing a constituency of about a million and a half members.

The union of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church with this church was consummated at this time amidst enthusiasm unexampled in the Assembly's history.

The Cumberland Church went from the old church in the beginning of the last century and, after a century of separation, during which time they have been doing a grand work for the Master in their own way, have now seen the day to return to the bosom of the mother church.

Church Unionism is now in the air, and the tendency of all protestant churches is toward union, and the "Unity of the Church" is in the bonds of peace.

Christian Endeavor Notes.

WINER PARK.

The influence of that very successful and delightful Convention at Winter Park is radiating throughout the state. A letter from Miss Carrie Ensminger, corresponding district secretary for Orange and Osceola, writes the Press Department for data, and from, has taken on a new impetus in this, the best life work that one can engage in.

FLORAHOME.

A letter from Mrs. Ritenaur, president Florahome Society, tells of a most profitable Christian Endeavor meeting, in which Robert Starkey was elected corresponding secretary. Let the good work go on, and always report to the press, so that you may provoke others to good works. Do not forget the practical with the spiritual. Visit the fatherless and the widow, the sick, and the needy. This is true Christian Endeavor. Not the holding of meetings merely, or the giving of money merely.

ORMOND-BY-THE-SEA.

Mr. Totman pleasantly writes to the press superintendent: Ormond Christian Endeavor Society meets every Sunday eve, and takes the whole service, assisted by the pastor, Rev. E. W. Butler. We have raised \$4 for the Quarter Century Memorial Fund, and will have more. Also \$34 for Japan Famine Relief Fund. We have interesting Missionary meetings once a month, with maps and items regarding the field under discussion. The Juniors number twenty members. They gave last year \$22 for missions, divided between India and Japan.

Mr. Totman further delighted the department by saying: I will not forget when anything worthy of note takes place, to let you know."

AUBORNDAL.

"It is time of the year now, for our Christian Endeavor Societies to have small attendance," writes Miss Lillian Edmiston, and we would say, "Yes, Sister Lillian, and an excellent time for more heart to heart talks, and, perhaps, more effective work." She writes beautifully of Auburndale and vicinity, saying: "There is a beautiful large orange grove near here, owned by a Philadelphia commission merchant, who, with his family, comes to spend every winter. It is said that if a drop of rain is divided when it strikes the point of the roof, part of it will flow into a large lake on one side of the house, which outlet is into the St. John's River, and thence into the Atlantic, and the other half will flow off with the waters of another large lake, emptying into the streams flowing into the Gulf of Mexico."

The schools of the county are just now busily engaged in turning tens of thousands of their finished products signed, sealed and stamped as fitted to tackle the world with advantage and with probable success. There is a good deal of good in this annual contribution of the schools to the mental energy of the nation. Without it there would be a much slower advance much less courage and cheerfulness. Let us toast the schools and their graduates. They are the source and the stream that keep our storage tank full and equal to the demands upon it. -Tampa Times.

FIRE AT WAUCHULA

TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLAR BLAZE WEDNESDAY.

Today's (Thursday's) Tampa Tribune gives the following account of the fire at Wauchula:

"Fire broke out between 1 and 2 o'clock Wednesday morning in the Isom store at Wauchula, and rapidly spread in that town until losses approximating \$20,000 had been incurred by residents and property owners.

"The origin of the fire is thought to have been from mice and matches.

"The store and stock of Isom were ruined, entailing a loss of more than \$1,000, covered to the amount of \$1,000 by insurance. J. C. Stenstrom lost three stores.

"Dr. Hanna lost his drug store and residence, but saved a great part of drugs. The front of the Masonic Building was severely scorched.

Albert Stenstrom and another young man, while fighting the flames, were precipitated to the ground and painfully bruised by the breaking of a ladder on which they were standing.

There was no wind prevalent at the time of the fire. Had there been it is probable that there would be no Wauchula today. Without a fire department the Wauchula people valiantly fought the blaze. The women worked pumps while the men threw bucket after bucket of water on the burning buildings."

Miss Fulks' Recital.

Miss Percie Fulks' Piano Recital at the Opera House on Friday night was well attended and was a pleasurable event. The pupils did well and Miss Fulks, assisted by Mrs. W. H. Seward, Harry Goldstein, Mr. Silva and others gave a part of the program that was much enjoyed.

National Editors.

The National Editorial Association will hold its twenty-first annual meeting at Indianapolis, June 12 to 15. The delegates will then tour the Great Lakes and Eastern Canada. The party will arrive in Chicago the morning of June 20, where they are to be the guests of the Press Club. At 2 p. m. they will leave on the Manitou Steamship Company's magnificent steamer "Manitou" for Mackinac Island. This splendid ship has been justly titled "The Greyhound of the Great Lakes;" her triple expansion engines, with immense horse power, send her through the water at an average speed of eighteen miles an hour. Built entirely of steel and measuring 300 feet in length and forty-two feet in breadth, her hull is divided into seven distinct compartments, each completely separated from the others by solid steel bulkheads, thereby giving her such stability as to rank her with the finest ocean-going ships. The main saloon and cabin are beautifully decorated and the culinary department is the best of any boat flying the American flag. It equals that of the best clubs and hotels.

The National editors make the first sailing of the season on June 20, after which the "Manitou" makes regular trips from Chicago to Mackinac Island and inter-

mediate points, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week. Jos. Berolzheimer, the obliging general passenger agent of the Manitou Steamship Co., Rush and N. Water Streets, Chicago, Ill., will look after the welfare of the visiting delegates on their trip and is at all times pleased to furnish information relative to the Great Lake Resorts.

Proposition Turned Down.

The Arcadia Electric Light, Ice and Telephone Co.'s proposition, which has been under advisement for some time, was rejected by the City Council Wednesday night.

The Electric Light Company in their proposition proposed to furnish power and pump the water for Arcadia's new water works system. Under this arrangement the City would be saved the necessity of owning boilers and always keeping an experienced engineer on duty. The proposition looked like a good one, but was turned down for the reasons that the City bonded for water works and would not be fulfilling its obligations except by giving a complete plant in every particular, also that the City should be independent of all private corporations with its municipal utilities.

The Bond Trustees will go ahead and install a boiler, etc., and have the water works ready for operation as soon as possible.

The well now under course of construction has reached a depth of 375 feet, and will in a few days be tested.

The Cracker on Division.

Vote for the best interest. Be sure you use good judgment when you make the X before the man of your choice.

What does it mean to divide the county? It certainly means more taxes, short terms of schools, open bar rooms and more county offices, which will be mostly filled with the office seeking class that are hardly worthy to be called citizens, much less to hold responsible positions. What makes us crackers so ignorant and the north so wise? It is because the north sticks together, has the best of schools and compels every child to go. Why can't we do the same?

I understand the school board is deeply in debt now. Ask Joe Brown, and he will tell you. What will become of the schools if you let the county be split up, and what will become of your boys, hanging around saloons? God forbid! Think well. Act wisely.

They will say, "We will not let whiskey be sold in our towns," but they can't help it for the first year, and when whiskey gets in a town it is hard to vote it out. Even if they should vote it out the first year, how many boys and men will be ruined? How many mothers' and sisters' hearts will be broken? God help you to act wisely on the 12th of May and cast your vote against division.

As I see it,
THE CRACKER.

Arcadia's Bond trustees are doing good work in paving our streets. These are the kind of improvements that count. The kind that make a city attractive to the resident and the visitor alike. We confidently look forward to the time when DeSoto, the banner county of Florida will have paved roads leading to every section.

NEWS OF FLORIDA

INTERESTINGLY TOLD FOR BUSY READERS.

The Miami Rifles contemplate the purchase of two lots on which to build a fine armory.

Green Cove Springs has voted to bond for electric lights and other municipal improvements.

Miami will celebrate the Fourth of July with an immense old-time barbecue and a civil parade.

St. Petersburg's fire department has recently been strengthened by the arrival of a new fire engine.

Live Oak is all right. The recent annual report of the city treasurer shows a balance in the treasury.

The Republicans in Dade county propose to nominate and try to elect a complete republican county ticket.

The Knights of the Modern Maccabees have organized a tent at Gainesville, with a membership of forty.

A Fort Myers petition for the organization of a military company was granted by Adjutant-General Foster.

Starke is forging to the front, with her new bank, saw-mill, ice factory, laundry and various other enterprises.

The Joe Wheeler Chapter, United daughters of the Confederacy, of Starke, will hold a basket picnic in Starke on June 6-

J. A. Dean, former editor of the Palm Beach news, will go to Cuba in a few days to take charge of a lumber and commissary business at San Claudio.

The velvet bean is becoming more popular every year as a forage product in Florida. It is a prolific grower and is also a protector of the soil.

The breakwater on the beach is reported to be giving way under the attacks of the waves, and to offer but little protection to the north end of Anastasia island.—St. Augustine Record.

Holy Smoke! what a smoke the Tampa cigars must make! Shipments of cigars for the week ending May 19, were 4,730,000. Previously reported shipments for the present year were 90,990,000. Total shipments from January 1 to May 19 were 95,720,000. Total shipments for corresponding period of last year were 76,725,000. The increase in shipments for this year up to May 19, was 18,995,000.

As an evidence of the vast proportions of the trucking industry in the vicinity of Plant City, the Courier of that town has ascertained that during the last thirty days the local bank has paid out \$272,663.67. Of this amount, \$90,284.67 was paid to other banks and the remaining \$193,379.00 was paid to farmers for vegetables, the larger part of which was for tomatoes, the most of the other crops having been previously sold.